

Attorney Docket No. SWMC-001DIV

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 15-17 and 26 are pending.

Claims 15 and 26 are amended. Support for the amendments is found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification, in particular Example 6 (page 33, lines 13-25) and Fig. 14, as well as at page 19, lines 20-23 and page 10, lines 13-14.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.

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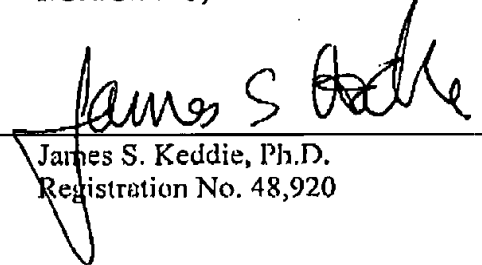
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SWMC-001DIV.

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